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For: HIERARCHICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR A COMPUTING UTILITY

6 Commissioner for Patents

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9 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

10 Sir:

11 Please process this preliminary amendment to the claims prior to calculating the fees for this
12 application.

13 Please amend the above-identified application as follows: